

State of Connecticut
Public Safety Interoperability Executive Committee
DESPP HQ – 1111 Country Club Road Room 349
Middletown, Connecticut
Tuesday May 21, 2019 1300 hrs
Meeting Minutes

Welcome & Introductions:

The meeting was called to order by SIEC Chairman John G. Gustafson.
A quorum was established.

The following individuals participated:

William Hackett	DESPP/DEMHS
Nick Carlone	CT-DOT via C/C
Robert DiBella	Glastonbury EMD/CEMA
Judith Reynolds	DPH
Keith Victor	West Hartford - Region 3 ESF 2 Chair - via C/C
Robert Drozynski	DESPP/DEMHS
Phil Mikan	USCG
Peter Giammarco	Verizon Wireless
John Gustafson	DESPP/DEMHS
Richard LaSaracina	MPTN
Betty Morris	North Central CT EMS – CMEDS via C/C
Greg Prevost	Valley Shore ECC
Vaughn Dumas	SWRCC
Jared Heon	Ansonia Fire-Rescue
Michael Varney	FirstNet
Scott Wright	DESPP/DSET/CTS
Gary McCarraher	FirstNet
Clayton Northgraves	DESPP/DSET/CTS

Public Comment:

Peter Giammarco – Verizon Wireless, Three new locations Essex and Wallingford. Small cells installed in Enfield and Wolcott.

Meeting Minutes Approval:

A motion was made seconded and passed to accept the April 2019 minutes. All in favor.

SWIC Update:

Director Hackett reported the Region 1 Emergency Communications Coordination Working Group (RECCWG) Spring meeting is May 22, 2019 at Maynard, MA.
Topics include: DHS/FEMA HQ Disaster Emergency Communications Branch updates, Important upcoming ICS changes, Andover, MA gas incident Interop Communications Overview, T-Band reallocation updates, Wireless Priority Service (WPS) recurring cost restructuring, Community Lifelines introduction and new ESF 2 reporting requirements,

FEMA's New England Regional Federal Interoperability Radio Network, Ir-Net, Commercial Cellular Carrier public safety updates, and static display of FEMA/MERS communications vehicles.

Interoperable communications is being tested at the UCONN/Mansfield Host Community drill 5/23 rehearsal, and the June evaluated exercise.

SIEC Chair Report:

Chair deferred to Scott Wright to highlight Millstone communications.

The 10 Emergency Planning Zone towns/cities around Millstone have increased capabilities to communicate between themselves, the Emergency Management Director, the Radiological Emergency Program Staff.

Working Groups:

Technical Work Group – Scott Wright reported State System Status. P25 State upgrade is well underway and remains on schedule.

Broadband Wireless Working Group

Gap reporting to AT&T is ongoing. Local subscribers continue to sign up.

CMED Working Group – Betty Morris Target date for the CMED manual update is July 1, 2019. May 8th the working group attended a meeting regarding the forward movement of patients.

Significant event report – Saturday May 18, 2019 New Britain Route, 9 multi-vehicle rollover 15 EMS resources were dispatched and 14 individuals were transported to the hospital.

Coordinated by North Central CMED.

Training and Exercise Working Group

Keith Victor – Trial run last week of the region wide training with various law enforcement and fire agencies. It was determined that a separate class should be held which is focused on dispatch operations.

2020 Communications Exercise planning is underway, will include COMT and COML skills as well as use of the MVCs

The AUX COMM Class for June 8-9 is full, a second class will be held in the next year

Air Operations Communications Working Group – No report.

FCC Region Updates Region 19

Scott Wright reported R-19 is making modifications to the Regional 800 MHz plan and is working with the other regions to coordinate changes. The June meeting will be held in Vermont. T-Band replacement deadline may be pushed out three years.

Regional Reports

Region 1 – No report

Region 2 – Jared Heon reported R2 EFS#2 met 4/24/19 with 11 people in attendance. Next meeting is May 29th at Southwest Communications.

The REPT funding Phase 1 of the PSAP to PSAP communications project using the state trunked radio system is underway. The group is checking to see what consoles would be compatible.

Region 3 – Keith Victor – Outlined R3/Newington communications demo – FirstNet, Verizon, CTS, MVC 3 and other mobile assets were displayed. ESF #2 will meet with several new communications individuals throughout the region. West Hartford radio system should be live July 1st.

Region 4 – Support for New London Sailfest communications assistance is continuing. Norwich may request MCV 4 for July 3rd fireworks.

Region 5 – No report

Tribal Nations – Rich LaSaracina reported 35 FirstNet phones are being deployed for Mashantucket executive level positions. UPS and batteries are being replaced for existing repeater sites.

State Agency Reports

DPH – Judy Reynolds reported the Region 3 and Region 4 MCI trailers have been serviced. Danbury (R5) is next. DPH held an unannounced drill Southwest CMED helped out and was able to get a handle on all the resources requested.

FirstNet – Michael Varney reported \$80 million has been invested in system improvements, FirstNet continues to focus on the future and also the basics, coverage, capacity, user experience and new developments. CT Fire Academy class will be held June 6th to discuss new ideas, and paths forward. In accordance with the State Plan FirstNet a FirstNet deployable asset will be on scene within 14 hours of being requested.

Old Business:

Scott Wright reported the Town of Windsor 700 MHz request was reviewed by the Technical Committee. He said in reviewing the SCIP it is silent regarding 700 MHz. In checking the Region 19 plan it did not reference single town versus multi town systems as being eligible to apply. After discussion a motion was made by Betty Morris, seconded by Robert DiBella, and passed, to have the SIEC submit a letter of support for the application, with the recommendation to include the programming of the appropriate 700 MHz federal interoperability frequencies.

Town of Avon 700 MHz application: No technical data available at this time. Tabled.

New Business:

A draft was presented for proposed changes to the P-25 Standards Policy. Please review and forward comments to Scott Wright. Approval will be sought at the June 2019 meeting.

Robert DiBella applauded the efforts of Nick Carlone and others in the Region 3 Interoperable Communications demo.

John Gustafson recommended owners of various systems (R1-UASI, R3-RAFS, Miscellaneous Communications Vehicles) research their sustainment needs and plan accordingly.

Greg Prevost asked about the next phase of 8CALL-8TAC portable radio distribution. John Gustafson replied Region 1 and Region 3 are complete. Some of Region 2 and Region 5 are completed using the transit security radios. 300-400 more are needed to complete R2, R5, R4. Fire Coordinator radios have been replaced. Funds are being sought.

John Gustafson reported DEMHS has UHF and VHF radio caches which can be loaned on a short term basis. This includes six twelve radio UHF caches.

Correspondence:

None

Interoperable Grant Fund Approvals:

North Stonington – High Band Bases Station replacement for EMD

Northwest Hills Council of Governments on behalf of Region 5 – UCALL 40 repeater.

Next Meeting:

June 18, 2019 1:00PM – DESPP 1111 Country Club Rd – Room 349

Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn 1406 hrs. All in favor.

Recorded by: Robert Drozynski – EMPS, CT DEMHS